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State highway crews in northeast Kentucky preparing for winter storm

Crews, equipment at the ready

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – State highway crews in northeast Kentucky are standing by for snow duty today as a winter storm approaches.

Crews throughout Department of Highways District 9 in Bath, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lewis, Mason, Nicholas and Rowan counties have been prepping salt trucks and snow plows and pre-treating roadways where possible. Once snow-clearing operations begin, crews will work 12-hour shifts to keep state highways clear.

Transportation Cabinet crews in Highway District 9 use more than 75 snow plows and have about 24,000 tons of salt stockpiled to battle winter precipitation.

For more information, including snow and ice treatment maps, forecast links and driving tips, please visit District 9's web site at <http://transportation.ky.gov/district-9>, and click on "Snow & Ice Operations." Or, keep up to date using Twitter and Facebook at <http://twitter.com/KYTCDistrict9> or <http://facebook.com/KYTCDistrict9>.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Drive carefully. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination. Do not use cruise control. Remember that bridges, overpasses and exit and entrance ramps can be icy when other areas are not. And please stay a safe distance away from plow trucks.

Leave a "space cushion." Leave enough room between you and the car in front of you because stopping in snow may require up to four times your normal stopping distance.

Be seen. Dull, cloudy days will decrease visibility so drive using low-beam headlights.

Steer into the skid. Stay calm and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the front of your vehicle to go.

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